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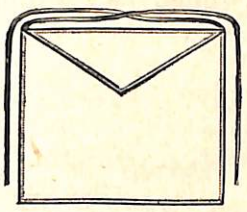

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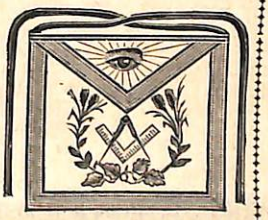

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EDWIN I. ALDERMAN,
Illustrious Potentate of El-Kahir Temple.

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers the portrait of one of Iowa's favorite sons—a Mason whose interest never wanes and whose energies never flag. His relation with El-Kahir Temple began, first of course, at his admission to the Temple, then by faithful and efficient service in subordinate positions, until now he occupies the highest place in her gift and he well deserves it.

It is no small responsibility to stand at the head of one of the largest Temples in America, and to fill the office so long occupied by Cyrus W. Eaton, yet Noble Alderman does this and does it well. Our Potentate has always been one of the Imperial representatives, and Noble Alderman goes for the second time to that body. Many of El-Kahir's friends are urging that our Temple deserves to be placed among the Imperial office bearing Temples, and we believe that this is a sensible and worthy proposition. To place a man of our Potentate's qualities in position in the Imperial Council is to do the fair thing by all.

Among the Lodges.

A HAPPY REUNION.

March 20th found us in care of the Deputy Sheriff, Bro. A. W. Coquillette, bound for Prairieburg, where, with Beryl Lodge 421, we took part in a delightful reunion. With W. M., Thos. Abbey at the head and Brother Beatty and others on the whoop, it was a ripping success. There was a considerable array of talent, among whom Misses Elsie and Joyce Unangst of Marion, took part. Beryl Lodge has done good work the past year and there is more to follow.

A GOOD RESOLVE.

The W. M. of Signet Lodge, Carroll, announced to his brothers that it is resolved that there shall be no hurried work, no omission of parts and all the work done in order. Much of the complaint of indifference will cease and the attendance *immediately* increase where this kind of resolutions are lived up to. Carroll will be heard from.

TRUE MASONRY.

We are informed by one who was there that the escort to the body of our late brother Merrill, on arriving at Manchester in the middle of the night and amid a blinding snow storm, that a large delegation of the resident Masons *and their ladies* were at the station to meet the cortege, and from arrival to departure that no attention was omitted by these Royal Craftsmen. Just like Manchester.

St. Elmo Lodge, Early, Iowa, though small, is one of the lively lodges of Iowa. They have raised some six or seven since last Grand Lodge.

Signet Lodge, Carroll, is one of the most neatly furnished in Iowa. A visit with them March 15th was a delight. One application, one election, and current work on the Trestle Board shows progress.

The Lodge at Exira is nicely housed and at work. A recent visit to their neat hall showed a new Masonic carpet and gas fixtures put in and paid for.

The Masonic Lodges of Cedar Rapids are showing considerable activity these days.

The Grand Master has been to Mason City to arrange for Grand Lodge next June.

The Lodge at Lake Mills has had a quiet time for several months. It is a good town and ought to have a live time.

Can any Iowa Lodge beat the record of Trojan 548, Marion? All dues paid at the close of business 1898, and all debts settled, as well as *first* to have their report in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Geo. B. Van Saun, our Grand Custodian, conducted a most successful School in this city, March 20 24, at which representatives were present from many Lodges. Three sessions a day were held.

Like Pennsylvania—examination is required in each degree in the Lodge before advancement. In Iowa—in the R. A. Chapters it used to be required, but not now.

There are a number of brothers living in Orange City, Iowa, who ought to have lodge privileges.

March 24th Monticello gave a banquet and ball in celebration of the re-opening of their lodge rooms.

A Masonic Temple Association has been formed in Eagle Grove.

Bro P. M. Plumb, the Master of Trojan Lodge 548, was elected Mayor of Marion at the last election.

A $10,000 Masonic Temple will be erected at Eagle Grove this summer, each Mason in that district having subscribed for stock. They expect to have one of the finest lodge rooms in the State.

Noble F. O Evans was highly entertained by the Masonic fraternity at Eagle Grove, Monday, March 20th. He arrived in their city almost sick abed with a severe cold. Each member of the Order took it upon himself to administer medicine to the patient. In the wee hours of the morning he was reported out of danger. They apoligized for having no better facilities for entertaining a stranger, but Noble Evans is congratulating himself that they had nothing but plain rations. He was able to leave town the following noon.

The Royal Arch.

Copestone Chapter 78, Carroll, has exalted (March 15) 21 Companions this year so far, and three times three await attention at this time. This is a great record. They are proficient workers, too.

CARROLL, IA., March 14, 1899.

Dear Editor:—Cope-Stone Chapter, No. 78, took the lead last year in the number of candidates exalted, 21 being the number, and has exalted 21 so far this year, and has several petitions to act upon at its next regular convocation. To accomplish what it has done so far this year, we have had to ask the G. H. Priest for special dispensations to help us through. On February 17th we conferred the R. A. and Council degrees and were visited by G. H. P. Cleveland, who commended the Chapter highly on the proficiency of the work, stating that he had never seen better in any Chapter in the state. On Feb. 28th the officers of this Chapter went over to Lake City and conferred the R A. and Council degrees for Cyprus Chapter, No. 99, of that place. and we had a very enjoyable time, as those Companions know just how to entertain.

Yours Fraternally,
C. L. WATTLES.

The Council.

HARLAN, IA., March 21, 1899.

COMP. J. W. GEIGER,
Marion, Iowa.

My Dear Sir and Companion:

Councils of Royal and Select Masters are being organized gradually throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Dispensations have already been received for the following Councils, which will be organized as soon as possible:

Alpha Council, No. 1, Des Moines, Fred W. Craig, T. I. U. M.
Rabul Council, No. 2, Oskaloosa, Ripley C. Hoffman, T. I. U. M.
Dubuque, Council, No. 3, Dubuque, John Kapp, T. I. U. M.
Adelphi, Council, No. 4, Harlan, W. F. Canland, T. I. U. M.
Gebal Council, No. 5, Ames, Geo. R. Turner, T. I. U. M.
Adoniram Council, No. 6, Guthrie Center, Jas. F. Woody, T. I. U. M.,

with several other Councils in due process of organization. There ought and probably will be twenty-five Councils at work in Iowa within the next twelve months. What's Cedar Rapids and Marion doing?

Yours fraternally,
W. F. CLEVELAND.

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE U. S.

CIRCULAR NO. 3.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 1, 1899.

To the Royal and Select Masters of Iowa:

Accept sincere greetings, that after a few weeks (through the action of the Grand Chapter of Iowa at its last convocation) you will be authorized to constitute councils of Royal and Select Masters under dispensations to be granted by the General Grand Council of the United States. Thus will the beauties and landmarks of the Royal Crypt be made manifest, its symmetry preserved and your zeal and fidelity rewarded. That you may begin this noble and glorious work at the quickest date (March 1st) we forward you this communication. A large number of companions have already secured the necessary blanks and instructions from the General Grand Recorder, Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and filed applications, that you may have all essential advice near at hand, I have requested your beloved Grand High Priest and the dear friend and companion of my early manhood, *Most Excellent W. F. Cleveland*, to assist you in this laudable enterprise. He has kindly consented to act as my Deputy and will gladly serve you in this matter. Let your requests be promptly made. All shall be done to obtain a Grand Council for your State at the earliest practical period. May the blessing of the Great I Am be yours.

Fraternally and Lovingly,
BRADFORD NICHOL,
General Grand Master.

Attest.
HENRY W. MORDHURST.
General Grand Recorder.

M. E. Companion, W. F. Cleveland, Grand High Priest of Iowa, has been appointed by Companion Bradford Nichols, General Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, as General Grand Deputy of the General Grand Council, for the purpose of organizing the subordinate Councils in Iowa and healing the Chapter made Companion, Royal and Select Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

In the Commanderies

"D. H. S."

In the "Masonic Jewel" for April, 1876, we note that about that time "The daughters of the Holy Sepulcher," an Order designed for the wives and daughters of Knights Templars was instituted. Does any one know what became of the Order, whither it went and when?

HOW ONE COMMANDERY DOES.

It is of interest to call attention to the good deeds of our Fratres, and none deserve more honorable mention than Rose Croix of Sac City, Iowa. This is Sir Phil. Schaller's town, and where he lives there is life and push *always*, In this Commandery when they have work it begins at 4 p. m. At an early evening hour the ladies assemble and at the banquet they are *always* present. While the orders of the Temple are being conferred the ladies mingle socially in the spacious parlors as long as they wish. We gathered from our dear friend "Phil," that in this manner of doing things *no Templar's widow is ever left out*, and that special care is given them in all the social events. With this Commandery, second in the state, need any wonder why it is? No. Sir Knights, everywhere let us take note of Rose Croix, and let us remember to pattern after the good example set by them.

We enjoyed an evening, March 24, with the Commandery at Sioux City, in a Red Cross Council. Three were created, and the work, though the first effort of the present officers, was done perfectly. G. G., Eminent and Sir D. M. Brownlee is well, prosperous and active as usual. Sioux City is moving forward.

Rose Croix Commandery, Sac City, has paid more to the Grand Commandery during the past year than any other Commadery in Iowa. They Knighted 19 in 1898, now have several to credit on 1899. Their membership is now over 200.

The Eastern Star.

BRO. AND SISTER WALTERS.

Brother C. E. Walters, recently one of the State Bank Examiners, has returned to a fine position as Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank, Council Bluffs. This is what the "Leader" says of their Des Moines send off:

Des Moines Chapter, No. 89, Order of Eastern Star, gave a reception and banquet last evening at the lodge rooms in Masonic Temple, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Walters, who are soon to remove to Council Bluffs. Mr. Walters has accepted a position as assistant cashier of the First National bank of that city.

The ladies and children were attired in Martha Washington costumes, which gave to the event the flavor of an old time social function. Miss Rose Weitz ministered as toastmistress and discharged the duties with tact and grace. Miss Bertha Smith responded to the toast, "Our Order;" Mrs. B. O. Hanger to "Our Retations With the Masonic Fraternity;" Mr. A. J. Small to "Our Guests." Mrs. Walters said "au revoir" to the friends from whom herself and husband were on the eve of bidding "good night, but not good bye," in a manner so touching that it reached the heart of every guest. The banquet over, the members and guests repaired to the audience room to enjoy an excellent program. The entertainment was ushered in by a minuet given by a quartette of boys and pretty little misses in ancient attire. They were scholars of Miss Bertha Smith, a teacher at the Garfield school. The audience went wild with admiration and refused to suspend applause until the minuet had been repeated.

Miss Olive Kinkead followed with a violin solo, being accompanied by Miss Lulu Hayward on the piano. Miss Margaret Turner sang "Life's Lullaby," and the entertainment closed with the good bye and God speed to the guests of honor.

Mr. Walters removed from Council Bluffs to Des Moines three years ago to take up the duties of bank examiner, a position tendered him by Auditor McCarthy. During these years himself and his accomplished wife have made the acquaintanec of many of the people of Des Moines, whose friendship they have won and whose good wishes they will take with them in their return to Council Bluffs.

The Chapter at Sac City had a fine time on March 29th.

The preponderance of white space this month is not our fault.

"One term is enough" is what we hear on every side now Well, push.

Favoritism is the worst form of politics in the Order and injury must follow wherever it leads.

The good people who go on record as saying "when I can't get my expenses paid to G. C. I'll not go" ought to be left at home.

Marion Chapter 183, gave a delightful social with dancing, March 13, and intends to have a series of such entertainments.

Jessamine Chapter, Iowa City, gave a "measuring" party, March 24, at which 150 were in attendance. The price of admission was 3 cents on each foot and 2 cents on the odd inches. A five foot eleven man had to pay 37 cents.

O. E. S., No. 114, Eagle Grove, Ia., have been very busy since the first of the year receiving members into the Order. They now have seventeen petitions waiting to receive the degrees.

[Communicated.]

New Hampton Chapter, No. 75, O. E. S., enjoyed an unusually pleasant meeting Tuesday evening, March 21st. Following the initiation of candidates, the "Pilgrim work" was presented in a highly creditable manner. Sisters Nellie Harris, Martina Gabrilson and Ella Bigelow, the committee who procured and arranged the presentation of the beautiful work, were highly complimented, and tendered a vote of thanks by the Chapter for the very satisfactory manner in which it was rendered.

The doors of the banquet room were then thrown open and a dainty repast enjoyed by all present—a fitting close to a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting. * * *

The Scottish Rite.

The Buffalo bodies of the Rite held their seventh annual reunion March 28–31.

Those in the Valley of Cincinnati met in 4th annual reunion during the week of Feb. 24th, and were at the last sad rites paid to the memory of Enoch T. Carson 33° on the 27th. They lost one of the most eminent men in the rite.

The ring worn by Bro. Carson 33° was placed, with the usual ceremonies, on the finger of his nephew, Nelson Childs Peebles.

We owe thanks to Commander-in-Chief Wm. B. Mellish 33° for full notice of Bro. Carson's funeral.

The forty-seventh annual reunion of the Rite in Chicago will be held April 18, 19, 20, 1899. Robert M. Johnson, 33° (Bob) is Commander in-Chief.

The Consistory of Western Missouri offers an expense allowance of $20 00 to candidates for the March 27th reunion. "Show me?"

The Rite in Iowa is prosperous.

The Des Moines Consistory will hold a convention for work April 24, 25, 26 and 27, when a large class of candidates will be initiated. All members of the order cordially invited to be present. A sumptuous banquet and entertainment will be given Friday evening, April 27th.

Order of Isis.

This Order was instituted at the Annual Meeting of El-Kahir Temple, in Cedar Rapids, Dec. 21, 1898, with nearly 200 Charter members. This organization will be known as El-Kahir Court of this Order, and the officers of the Temple are its officers. Nobles, their wives, mothers, daughters and sisters are entitled to membership. Local auxiliaries to the Court are called Crescents, and may be warranted where five or more who are eligible make application, by writing to Jno. W. Geiger, Recorder, Marion, when full information will be supplied. It is destined to fill a useful place among the Nobility.

FATIMA CRESCENT, NO. 1.

The first oasis to apply for a warrant to organize was Waterloo. With Noble A. H. Holt as chief hustler, they were not long in getting a move on them. A Crescent under the above name was instituted at Masonic Temple, Waterloo, Saturday evening, March 4, 1899. Chief Rabban, B. M. Cleveland, Recorder, J. W. Geiger, and Ceremonial Master, C. P. Emerson, were the Court Officers present. Nearly 40 applicants signed the roll. The following were the officers chosen:

Emir—A H. Holt.
Priestess—Eleanor Childs.
Scribe—Frances M. Parrott.
Treasurer—Miss Etta Breckenridge.
Conductress—Mrs. Geo. E. Lechty.
K. I. G.—Mrs. Martha Scroggy.
K. O. G.—Fred White.

A number of applications for Warrants are on file.

Ladies who are going to Buffalo should make application for registry, so as to have the White Fez and Jewel. Fee, including all, $5.00.

Moolah Temple conferred the Order on the ladies free, Feb. 14th.

Lu Lu ladies of Philadelphia, Pa., are working for a parade banner for the Temple.

Medinah Temple's ladies' night was Feb. 24 last.

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CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

Iowa, Grand, Red Oak, October 19th, 1899.
W. F. CLEVELAND...Harlan...GRAND HIGH PRIEST
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Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
G. W. BEVER.....Cedar Rapids..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) 1901.
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THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Buffalo, N. Y., June 14, 1899.
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TIME'S UP.

Any of our readers, being themselves or knowing others to be demitted *or dimitted* from either Lodge or Chapter, and members of a Commandery, should inform them that they *must* affiliate *at once throughout* or go out of all. The effort must be made, and if rejected in either body provision is (or ought to be) made for involuntary non-affiliates.

When you see an advertisement of a so-called Fraternal Insurance Company, displaying no names of officers, put it down against them.

We fully agree with Bro. Bun F. Price in the "Commercial-Appeal," of Memphis, Tenn., as to the reprehensible practice of improper credits for transferred articles, and this journal has never intentionally omitted the courtesy if we knew how to state it. The selection of a good article reflects credit on the editor and should be credited properly. Yea, verily.

IOWA NEEDS ONE.

The "Home Journal" reports that the Committee on Industries for the Masonic Home of Kentucky reports a net profit from the printing office of $1,839.84, and a net profit of $674.55 in the shoe manufactory. If the Iowa Masonic bodies were to unite in the securing of a Home based on such lines it would reflect honor upon their already distinguished record, and would provide for the proper education of many Masonic orphans, who now go out to less remunerative service. Let this matter come forward, even if some pet plan has to wait. Whenever the time comes this journal, goodwill and job printing plant shall be at the command of the Home at the lowest cost price. There are widows and orphans in Iowa now, and we see no reason why, because there are not enough to *fill* a home, we should hoard the Charity Funds until Providence (?) provides them. We know from personal experience how technical the service of some of our charities are and that the present method is open to serious objection. Iowa needs a Masonic Home like the one "bred in old Kentucky."

What a lot of frivolous and unfair decisions can be made on the "physical qualifications" theory. When Masonry fully measures up a candidate on his "inward fitness" it will have no trouble about cork legs and blockheads.

The Mystic Shrine.

THE SHRINER'S CRUCIAL TEST.

They pasted him and basted him.
He wouldn't yield an inch.
They roasted him and toasted him,
And still he didn't flinch.
They rode him on a camel's hump
For many a weary mile;
On red hot spikes they made him jump—
He did it with a smile.

Within a sea of molten lead
They made this novice swim.
Upon a bed of Nettles spread
They slowly tortured him.
Brought him face to face with death
Upon a chasm's brink;
Yet, though he felt that icy breath,
He didn't even shrink.

But lo! Behold! One Shriner old
And wiser than the rest,
Spoke out in accents bold:
"We'll try the crucial test."
He told the novice then to rise,
With visage stern and grim,
And as the latter raised his eyes,
He thus accosted him:

"By Allah's beard! thou hast stood well
The trials imposed on thee;
But one remains, the last of all,
And answer give to me.
When thou goest back to home and wife
What will HER MOTHER say?"
The novice gave one gasp for life
And fainted dead away

—*Appropriated.*

Almas, Washington, D. C., wants the Imperial Council in 1900. "So say we all of us."

Ismalia, Buffalo, is out with a descriptive pamphlet for the coming Council.

E. I. Alderman, Potentate of El-Kahir, was re-elected Chief of the Marion, Ia. Fire department without opposition. He's all right.

Moolah Temple's Ladies Night was Feb. 14, and the Order of Isis was conferred.

A Hustler's Prize of a Shrine Jewel, to cost $2,500 to the Noble of Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y., who brings in the largest list of applicants this year.

Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N. C., has adopted an official button.

Rev. Byron Holley, of Greenville, S. C., a recent novice of that Temple, remarked that "the man who got up the second section had the ingenuity of an Edison and the inventive power of the devil!"

El-Jebel, Denver, charges fifty dollars for the fees.

William Grimes, of Kingfisher, Ok., represents India Temple again. He's our kind,

Moslem Temple, Detroit, has chartered the S. S. "Moslem" for the Buffalo trip.

The late Rajah Temple notice showed J. "Lew" Rake seated on "white spot" waiting for transportation to Buffalo.

Embalmed beef terms have now reached the Shrine vocabulary—everything goes.

Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., is going to Buffalo in style. Past G. P. Dingman is also Imperial Pontiff of the 'Kids," whose Romp look out for.

Noble D. S. Chamberlain sends us the following from Cairo, Egypt (Feb. 7; Luxor 16):

My Dear Sir and Noble:—I have procured 11 camels (an even car load) also a stone from Medinah Temple, 6x16x20 ft. (no inscriptions.) These I wish to present to El Kahir Temple, freight at their expense. If accepted, please cable me accordingly at Cairo, but prepay charges. These camels are fine, full grown, wild, unbroken, just what El-Kahir needs."

It is needless to say that the whole push has been ordered forward and will be in on next RAID.

Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS.

DUBUQUE PRIEST COUNSELS AGAINST TOO INTIMATE ASSOCIATION.

Dubuque, Ia., March 9.—Rev. Father Weirrich of St. Mary's German Catholic church, has taken a decided stand against non-Catholic societies. He counseled his parishioners against too intimate association of Catholics with Protestants. This is the same position taken recently by Monsignor Ryan and Father Halpin, of St. Patrick's church. He declared, in effect, that "one who is a member of any organization which has in its constitution or by-laws that which is against the teachings of the Catholic church in word or spirit, cannot be a communicant of the Catholic faith. The Catholic association with non Catholics has his faith weakened as water washing upon a wall will in time wear it away. Organizations that proclaim by word or example that all religions are equally good, if practiced, can not be tolerated by the Catholic church. It is folly to maintain that truth and error are one and the same. It cannot, therefore, be said that the church is tolerant in the sense in which this word is generally taken, for the pillar and ground of truth has always and ever will stand on the side of truth. This is the reason why the Catholic church cannot and never will allow her members to join societies that uphold the ridiculous principle that all religions are good, if practiced."—*S. C. Journal, March 10, '99.*

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of any Order was the State Convention of Elks held in Cedar Rapids Feb. 28, at which Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Beck did himself proud as presiding officer.

Were Prof. Geo. D. Herron asked to give his opinion on the Fraternities he would undoubtedly condemn them as a form of co-operation.

The "Castle Courier" has coined a word on which it claims the copywright is pending. It is "Pushency." We've no doubt that in these pushetive days all live Fraternities will buy some Pushency if the I. M. L. has a surplus.

Our Dead.

Henry E. Robbins, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6, 1899.
Wm. F. Merrill, Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 23, 1899.
Enoch T. Carson, 33° Cincinnati, O., Feb. 24, 1899.
E. E. Lyke, Chicago, Ill., March 3, 1899
Jno. R. Baker, Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 5, 1899.
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